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September 8, 2003



Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW, Room TW-A306
Washington, DC 20554

Re: CC Docket No. 96-45
Section 254(e) Self-Certification of
DeKalb Telephone Cooperative
d/b/a DTC Communications

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Attached hereto is a sworn affidavit of Leslie Greer, certifying that DeKalb Telephone Cooperative d/b/a DTC Communications (the "Company") is in compliance with the requirements of Section 254 (e) and the requirements established by the Commission in *In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 00-256, Fourteenth Report and Order, Twenty-Second Order on Reconsideration, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket No. 96-45 and Report and Order in CC Docket No. 00-256 (FCC 01-157) (released May 23, 2001) ("Order") and codified at 47 C.F.R. §54.314. Because the Company is not subject to the jurisdiction of a State, the Company makes this certification directly to the FCC as provided for in paragraph 189 of the Order and 47 C.F.R. §54.314(b).

A copy of this Certification is also being filed this day with the Universal Service Administrative Company at its Washington, D.C., offices.

Please acknowledge receipt on the duplicate "stamp and return" document attached for this purpose and return it to the Company in the enclosed self-addressed, postage prepaid envelope. All correspondence and inquiries concerning this filing should be addressed to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

Leslie Greer
Chief Executive Officer

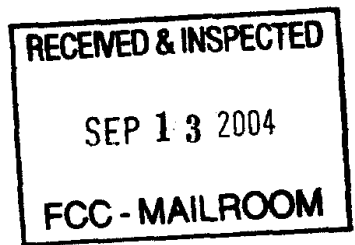
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cc: Ms. Irene Flannery, Universal Service Administrative Company



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DeKalb Telephone Cooperative
d/b/a DTC Communications
P.O. Box 247, Alexandria, TN 37012



AFFIDAVIT

I, Leslie Greer, Chief Executive Officer of DeKalb Telephone Cooperative d/b/a DTC Communications (the "Cooperative") do hereby certify under penalties of perjury that:

1. I am the Chief Executive Officer of the Company;
2. The Cooperative is not subject to the jurisdiction of a state;
3. The Cooperative is a "rural telephone company" as defined in 47 U.S.C. §153(37);
4. The Cooperative is eligible for disbursements from the federal Universal Service Fund ("USF") as prescribed by the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC"); and
5. The Cooperative will utilize its USF disbursements received in 2004 only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which it is intended.

Signature: Leslie Greer Date: 9-8-04

Print Name: Leslie Greer

Title: Chief Executive Officer

State of Tennessee, County of DeKalb

BEFORE ME, the undersigned Notary in and for the State of Tennessee,

on this day personally appeared Leslie Greer, known to me to be the Declarant, who, being duly sworn, executed the foregoing instrument.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of September, 2004.

My Commission expires 5-1-07.

Anita Fabrick
Notary Public

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